PLATT AMENDMENT ADOPTED BY Told Southerners China Is the Great- COMMISSARY STORES DISPOSED OF THE CUBAN CONVENTION.

Made an Appendix to the Constitution Without Discussion by a Majority of Five Votes.

FOUR DELEGATES NOT PRESENT

TWO OF WHOM WERE AGAINST AC-CEPTANCE OF PROPOSITION.

Convention Will Now Appoint a Commission to Frame an Electoral Law for the Coming Republic.

ADMINISTRATION IS GRATIFIED

UNITED STATES TROOPS MAY BE WITHDRAWN THIS SUMMER,

And Cubans May Be Enjoying Independence by Autumn-Secretary of War Root Pleased.

HAVANA, June 12 .- The Cuban constitutional convention to-day accepted the Platt amendment by a vote of 16 to 11, without discussion.

Immediately after the opening of the Quesada, constituting a majority of committee on relations, submitted as substitute for the committee's former report the Platt amendment, as passed by Congress, recommending that it be accepted and made an appendix to the Constitution. In the vote on the resolution the twenty-seven delegates divided as follows:

In favor of acceptance: Senores Capote, Villuendas, Jose M. Gomez, Tamayo, Monteaguedo, Delgado, Betancourt, Giberga, Llorente, Quesada, Sanguilly, Nunez, Rodriguez, Berriei, Quiles and Ferrer. Opposed to acceptance: Senores Zayas,

Aleman, Eudaldo, Tamayo, Guan Gualberto Gomez, Cisneros, Fortun, Lacret, Portuendo, Castro, Silvela and Manduley.

Senores Rivera, Correoso, Gener and Robau were absent. The latter two voted against acceptance in the previous division. Senor Ferrer voted with the Conservatives, explaining his change of attitude by asbe the best solution of the problem. The convention will now appoint a commission to draw up the electoral law.

INDEPENDENCE SOON.

Americans May Surrender Control of Cuba by Autumn.

WASHINGTON, June 12.- The news of the adoption of the Platt amendment by the Cuban constitutional convention was received with genuine gratification here. The administration officials all along have felt confident that its ratification would be accomplished when the Cubans realized that this government was firm in its attitude regarding the amendment, and that its acceptance would be necessary before the United States would consent to withdraw its supervision from the island.

Now that the Cubans have demonstrated their good faith in the United States it is expected that a fairly speedy evacuation of the island will follow, contingent only upon the establishment of a stable government in the island. Just to what extent the United States will require practical evidence of this fact is not definitely known, but the officials here think that such steps should be taken by the Cubans as will demonstrate their ability to maintain order and peace so that all the interests of all the eople, native and foreign, shall be ade-

An effective police force and other measures necessary to the preservation of good order and sanitation are deemed as essential prerequisites in the formation of the morning by a negro named Prince Edwards. tion of the withdrawal of the American military from the island is an easy one and can be accomplished without much delay. One Cabinet officer, speaking of the matter to-night, expressed the opinion that if the other requirements are met our with- the number of twelve or fifteen, and drawal might be accomplished during the Foster approached one of those in the cabin summer, and that Cuban independence might be a reality by next autumn. General Wood to-night communicated to the War Department officially the fact that | ficers have succeeded in capturing all but the amendment had been adopted.

A Wise and Patriotic Move.

BUFFALO, June 12 .- Secretary of War Elihu Root was shown the Associated Press dispatch from Havana to-night announcing the adoption of the Platt amendment by the Cuban constitutional convention. He said: "If the Cuban convention has adopted the Platt amendment it has done the wisest and most patriotic thing possible for Cuba. It means the independence of Cuba and all that is best and freest in Cuba will be backed by all that is best in the United

"SIMPLY PREJUDICE."

No Real American Locomotives in Use

on British Railways. NEW YORK, June 12 .- "They have no real American locomotives abroad, strictly speaking, and the critics of these engines do not know what they are." So said A. W. Waitt, superintendent of motive power and rolling stock of the New York Central Railroad. He was speaking of the cabled reports of the unfavorable criticisms passed by foreign railroad officials upon the American-made locomotives with which they have lately been experimenting. "The iocomotives they refer to," Mr. Waitt continued, "are American in make, but they are English and foreign in dimensions, caliber and power. Owing to the restrictions made necessary by narrowing and lower tunnels and other essential differences which characterize English roads as compared with ours-and the same is largely true, I understand, on the continent-it is simply impossible for them to utilize such machine as we now regard as a truly American locomotive. The result is they get a sort of hybrid affair, built by Amerian skill, but on foreign lines, and then if it does not prove to be all they had hoped for they criticise the American tocomotives." Mr. Waitt went on to say that in England the practice is to nurse locomotives and let them grow old, while in this country the practice is to use them to their

Angus Sinclair, editor of Railway and Locomotive Engineering, years ago drove locomotives on the Caledonian Railroad in ing. June 10. Capt. William H. Wilhelm, Scotland. He visits Europe yearly, and he has studied the subejet of locomotives in every country there except Spain. "Prejuice, prejudice," he said, when the subject "Two-thirds of it at least 14 simply prejudice. It is hard to get a British or a European engine driver to make a favorable report on a Yankee machine or a Yankee invention of any kind.

But they will come to it, in spite of their prejudices. The American locomotive will win its way in Great Britain and Europe,

WU TINGFANG SPOKE.

est Market in the World.

PHILADELPHIA, June 12.-The most important event of to-day's session of the Southern Industrial Convention was an address to-night by Wu Tingfang, the Chinese minister. Horticultural Hall was crowded to the doors by men prominent in the industrial and commercial industries of the city and leading society women. The distinguished Oriental diplomat spoke on "American Trade with the Orient," and TWO ARRESTS ALREADY MADE told his hearers that China was the greatest market in the world for American manufactures.

The morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to brief addresses on "The Rela- DEALERS IN SECOND-HAND CLOTHtion of the States of the South to the Productive Wealth of the Nation" and "The Industrial and Commercial Advantages of Southern Cities." An address on "Women's Work for the Industrial South" was made to-night by Mrs. S. H. Horner, of New Orleans. During the day the dele- Three Wagonloads of Government gates visited the industrial establishments in the city, and their ladies visited Fairmount Park. There was a largely attended reception to-night at the Manufactur-

ITS RISKS REINSURED.

Pacific Fire Insurance Company Has Retired from Active Business.

losses sustained in the Jacksonville fire one New York fire insurance company withdrew to-day from active business. When the Florida fire was reported it was said that the Pacific Fire Insurance Company of General Shafter of Opinion that the New York had been hit hard, although the exact amount was not known. It developed to-day, however, that the company's claims as a result of that one fire aggregated \$80,000, and that late last night the cominto effect to-day, so that the Pacific, which ing concerns, is no longer in business. The Jacksonville losses did not cripple the Pacific, for it had a surplus beyond all claims, but it reduced its margin above capital to such an extent that the directors decided to withdraw from the field. The Pacific had more than \$60,000,000 of insurance in force, which will be amply protected under the terms of the reinsurance deal.

LOUISIANA MOB MAY HANG A DOZEN COLORED PEOPLE.

Charged with Complicity in the Mura Planter-Jail Surrounded by an Armed Mob.

SHREVEPORT, LA., June 13, 3:15 A. M. Twelve or fifteen negroes, suspected complicity in the murder of John S. Fosserting that he believed acceptance would | ter, a planter, are held in a frame store about two miles from Shreveport, on the banks of Red River. Ostensibly they are in the hands of officers of the law; actually they are in custody of armed civilians. | these stores and a crime under the statutes Men from every walk of life, from the farm hand to the city merchant, constitute this mob. The crowd gathered immediately after the murder, and pistols, Winchesters and shotguns seemed to be the walking accompaniments of the mob, so quickly did

they spring up on every side. At the hour this is sent (3:15 a. m.) safety. The citizens are determined afford protection to the negroes even if they were inclined to try. Edwards, the

murderer, is still at large. The Killing of Foster.

SHREVEPORT, La., June 12 .- John G. Foster was killed on the Foster plantation five miles east of this city on the Vicksburg. Shreveport & Pacific Railway, this There had been trouble between the overseer and negroes, and Foster left the plantation store to go to the scene of the trou-The negroes gathered in a cabin to fired, mortally wounding Foster. The negroes scattered, but several bands of of-Edwards, who did the shooting. Foster was twenty-two years old, and belonged to one of the leading families of Louisiana. Governor McMillin, of Tennessee, is a much excitement in this vicinity, and threats of lynching Edwards, if apprehended, are heard on all sides.

CAPT. W. H. WILHELM DEAD.

Army Officer Who Was Wounded at the Battle of Lipa.

MANILA, June 12.-Capt. William H. Wilhelm, of the Twenty-first Infantry, who was recently wounded in the shoulder in an engagement with insurgents at Lipa, Batangas province, died to-day.

Lieut. Henry T. Mitchell, of the Fortyfirst Regiment, has been arrested and will be tried by court-martial on the charge of embezzlement at Bacolor of \$277 of public

The Philippine commission has passed an act creating fourteen circuit judges. The following appointments have been made by the Philippine commission: Gen. Merianio Trias, Governor of Cavite, and R. M. Shearer, treasurer, Ambrosio Flores, Governor of Risal, and Capt. James E. Hill, of Forty-second Regiment, treasurer. Capt. Jacob F. Krebs, of the Twenty-sec-Regiment, Governor of Nueva Ecija, and Lieut, Richard C. Day, of the Thirtyfourth Regiment, treasurer

General Summer has received a notification from Cailles, the notorious insurgent leader in Laguna province, that unless the general agrees to the Filipinos' terms, which include the granting of amnesty to the insurgents, Cailles will not surrender and the negotiations on the subject are to be considered at an end.

Official Report on the Lipa Affair. WASHINGTON, June 12 .- Acting Adjutant General Ward has received a cable message from General MacArthur, giving official confirmation of the recent serious engagement with insurgents near Lipa, Luzon. The message is as follows: "Morn-Twenty-first Infantry, encountered a large | were present to-day at the opening session force near Lipa. Lieut. Walter H. Lee, corps of engineers, and Capt. Anton Springer, jr., First Infantry, were killed. Capt. William H. Wilhelm and First Charles R. Ramsay, Twenty-first Infantry, were seriously wounded. Four enlisted men were wounded. The insurgents were dis-

AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Federal Grand Jury Investigating Al leged Frauds in the Department of California.

ING TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

Goods, All Purchased from the Same Firm, Recovered.

STATEMENT BY A DETECTIVE

NEW YORK, June 12 .- As a result of SAYS SOMEBODY "STOOD IN" WITH

SELLERS OF FORAGE SUPPLIES.

Thefts Are of Little Importance -No Shortage Found.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12.+General | Shafter, Colonel Maus, inspector general of ranked high among the smaller underwrit- the Department of California, and the federal grand jury, are investigating reports of committed in the commissary That the reports seem to based on something more substantial than rumor is evidenced by the disclosures follewing the arrest of Lewis Abrams and his son, dealers in second-hand clothing. The extent of the alleged frauds has not been

Captain Seymour, of the local detective force, who is assisting the federal grand jury, said to-day: "The government has unquestionably been robbed for a long time, and I believe the amount of the losses to the United States through the dishonesty of some army officers and others will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars. The federal grand jury has the matter of prosecution in its hands, and I believe that arrests will be made that will startle the commu-

Major General Shafter admitted that thefts of clothing have been going on, but said there was no shortage in any department. He continued: "I have no personal knowledge of this trouble, but it does not seem to amount to a great deal. Recruits, perhaps, or soldiers, being hard up, have sold to these peddlers about the camps shoes, blankets and other stores issued to the forces by the quartermaster's department. It is a military offense for soldiers to seil for the peddlers to buy them."

For some months various stores about the city have been exhibiting signs, "Government Goods for Sale Here," and their advertisements have been in the daily papers. Inspector Maus and a number of local detectives began some days ago the investigation which resulted in the arrest of Abrams and his son George for buying and selling government supplies. Both deny the charge, but a second-hand dealer, Jacob Steveler, states that Abrams sold him twenty pairs of army shoes.

Three big wagon loads of goods have already been taken to the hall of justice, and in every instance the men from whom they were seized have admitted buying the goods from Abrams and his son. From statement made to-day it would appear that the frauds were not confined to cloth-

ing and shoes. It was stated that upon investigation the supplies furnished for army horses, it was found that the "rake-off" some people secured amounted to 200,000 pounds of grain Captain Seymour stated to-day that the government officers had discovered large quantities of goods stolen from the government. The goods were stored in a warehouse and consisted of all kinds of military

MILLIKEN UNIVERSITY.

Million-Dollar Institution in Which Indianians Are Interested.

LINCOLN, Ill., June 12.-The new milliondollar Milliken University, to be composed of Lincoln College and Decatur Industrial College, was organized here to-day at the thirty-fourth and final commencement of Lincoln University. A. R. Taylor has resigned as president of State Normal College at Emporia, Kan., and will come this sity is named for Jas. Milliken, of Decatur. who gives over \$150,000 to its endowmen Dr. W. J. Darby, of Evansville, Ind., was elected president of the board, which is composed of fifteen members from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of the synods of Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

Gift of \$100,000.

NEW YORK, June 12 .- Columbia University held its commencement exercises before a big crowd. Six hundred and ninety men and women received degrees and diplomas. Among the honorary degrees conferred were: Doctor of laws, Rufus William Peckham, assistant justice of the Supreme Court; master of science, the Rev. Frank D. Gamewell, who constructed the defenses at the siege of Peking; master of arts, Theodore Low Devinne, author and typographer. A gift of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor, to be devoted to the establishment of a chair in Columbia University for the study and teaching of the Chinese language, was announced by President Low.

Gifts to Princeton. PRINCETON, N. J., June 12 .- The concluding exercises of Princeton's 154th commencement were held here to-day. The graduating class numbered 219. Governor Foster N. Voorhees. President Patton announced to-day that \$50,000 had been given (donor's name not mentioned) for a library maintenance, and \$10,000 to found a fellowship in rhetoric, and that \$147,500 has already been raised for a new university gymnasium. Henry Stafford Little's gift of \$100,000 for another new dormitory was announced.

CREDIT MEN IN CONVENTION

Delegates Represent an Aggregate

Capital of \$1,500,000,000. from all sections of the country, represent- | there met her death. ing an aggregate capital of \$1,500,000,000, of the annual convention of the National Association of Credit Men in this city. President John Field, of Philadelphia, pre-Mayor Johnson delivered an ad-The reports of the officers of the associa-

ganizations had been formed during the east year, making a total of thirty branches affiliated with the national association. The total membership at the present time is 3,572. Hon. William H. Hotchkiss, the bankruptcy referee at Buffalo, de-livered the address of the day, on "Legisla-

Great interest is manifested in the report to be made by the legislative committee on a revision of the bankruptcy laws. The association seeks to have uniform and equitable bankruptcy laws established throughout the country. About 350 delegates are in attendance.

EIGHT PROSTRATIONS FROM HIGH TEMPERATURE AT CHICAGO.

Fire Marshal's House Struck by Lightning-Storm Casualties and Damage at Several Points.

CHICAGO, June 12 .- A feeble breeze today that blew at times off Lake Michigan made heat conditions a trifle more bearable than yesterday. The mercury to-day reached 88 degrees, and the humidity was 90, against 92 yesterday. People prostrated were: Thomas Curla, railroad brakeman; NAVAL Charles Delaney, stonemason; Bert Kune, fireman; Louis Weisbaum, teamster, prostrated while at work; John Carlson, overcome in his office; Edward Hendrick, overcome while walking on the street; A. N. Beanson, overcome on elevated train, condition serious; John Dempsey, laborer, will

Relief came in a thunderstorm to-night that carried destruction. Several buildings were struck by lightning, and down-town basements were flooded. St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sixty-seventh street, valued at \$20,000, was burned to the ground. During the storm the residence of Fire Marshal M. R. Driscoll, in South Chicago, was shattered by lightning just as the marshal himself was preparing to answer a call with the department to another residence which had been set on fire by the lightning. The fire marshal was stunned and left un conscious by the stroke. His wife quickly revived him by sprinkling water on his face, but while she was thus engaged the fire cut off the exits in front, and the marshal, wife, her mother and his children to a place of safety. Then he directed the department in its work, both on his own residence and the neighboring house first

Unconfirmed Tornado Rumor.

MILWAUKEE, June 12 .- A rumor that Ironwood, Mich., was destroyed by a tornado to-night is in circulation in this city, but all attempts to verify it have proven fruitless. At the offices of the Wisconsin Central Railroad it was said at midnight that a violent storm early in the evening had blown down their telegraph wires, and that no communication had been had with any point north of Stevens Point for several hours. The telephone wires were also

Three at Lima.

prostrations from heat here to-day. James Barnett, an employe at the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton shops; Jacob Gott-fried, an employe at the gas works; J. C. Redman, an employe on the street-railway. The thermometer registered 94 degrees.

Damage by Storms.

At Rock Rapids, Ia., trees two feet through were twisted and broken off and several barns were blown over. M. Kreely and his son, farmers residing near Accadia, Wis., were struck by lightning yesterday and instantly killed.

A storm that partook of the nature of a tornado visited Winona about noon. Several plate-glass fronts were blown in and a large section of the railway on the high wagon bridge was blown away. At Oshkosh, Wis., windows were broken

and trees and shrubbery demolished by large hall. A number of buildings were partly wrecked. The storm extended from ten miles south to a considerable distance In Grand Traverse county, Michigan, hail-

stones as large as hen's eggs fell. Three ons of William Eickey took refuge in a barn during the storm. Lightning struck the barn, instantly killing the elder, a boy of fourteen years. The others are still un-

BODY OF HEADLESS WOMAN IDENTI

FIED AT LOWELL, MASS.

Mrs. Margaret Blondin, of Boston, the Victim-Her Husband, a French Canadian, Missing.

LOWELL, Mass., June 12.-The woman whose headless body was found in Chelmsford woods last Sunday and whose head was found yesterday, was identified to-day as Mrs. Margaret Blondin, of Boston. The in the lead." identification was made by Mrs. Margaret Casey, of Lawrence, sister of Mrs. Blondin The dead woman married Mr. Blondin, a French Canadian mill operative, last February. It is not known where the man is at

Mrs. Blondin has been missing since April . Her maiden name was Riley. She met Blondin in Chelmsford while working in a mill there and their courtship covered only a few months. The couple lived in Boston for a time. About two months ago Mrs Blondin returned to Lawrence and visited her sister for a few days. It was said that she and her husband had separated because Blondin wanted her to accompany him on a trip to Canada and she declined to go After remaining with her sisters a few days in April she came here. Then her sister learned that she went to Boston where she rejoined her husband and they lived in a Green-street lodging house. She was last seen at this place late in April. The next day Blondin said she had gone to Canada. He disappeared shortly after. The authorities are trying to trace Blondin.

Had Trouble with Her Husband.

LAWRENCE, Mass., June 12.-Mrs. Wilfred Blondin, whose dismembered body was found at Chelmsford last Sunday, came here with her family from Ireland when she was quite young. Last April, while on a visit to her sister, who resides here she said she had some trouble with her husband, because he wanted her to draw her money out of the bank and go to Canada with him to live. She asked her sister's advice about this matter, but Mrs lasey told her to do as she thought best. Later it was learned that she had returned to Boston and was living with her husband. Afterwards Blondin said that she had gone to Canada. Mrs. Casey said from what Mrs. Blondin told her she believed that Blondin was very jealous of her, and that he treated her cruelly. She says also

Disappeared from New York.

BOSTON, June 12.-Wilfred Blondin, W. Blondin, worked as fireman for Forbes, Hayward & Co. here last Septem-

NEW BATTLESHIP ILLINOIS IS THE FASTEST OF HER CLASS.

Maintained an Average Speed of 17.31 Knots for Four Consecutive

PUT THROUGH SEVERE TEST

Hours on Her Official Trial.

EASIER HANDLED AS WELL AS SPEEDIER THAN ANY LIKE SHIP.

Described a Complete Circle Within 300 Yards in Three Minutes and Tea Seconds.

OFFICERS PLEASED

CONGRATULATIONS FROM "BOB" EV-ANS TO SECRETARY LONG.

Demonstration by the Battleship Oregon that She Is Not Yet Ready for the Scrap Heap.

BOSTON, June 12.-With the distinction of being the fastest battleship in America and the speediest of her class in the world. the Illinois lies at anchor in President's Roads to-night. Over the government course from Cape Ann to Cape Porpoise and return, a distance of sixty-six nautical miles, she raced to-day, watched by United on regaining consciousness had to carry his | States naval representatives, and established a new record by maintaining an average speed of 17.31 knots for four consecutive hours. Not only did she demonstrate that she was faster than any warship of her size afloat, but she proved her ability to turn upon an enemy with extraordinary quickness by describing a complete circle within 300 yards or a little more than twice her length, in three minutes and ten seconds, while plowing through the sea at full speed.

ized the performance of the ship throughout the severe test. The work of her engines was smooth and even, and the records of the day showed but one-tenth of a knot difference in speed between the northern United States Favors Leaving Both run and the return. The machinery easily LIMA. O., June 12.-There were three met every requirement, and not an accident of any kind marred the success of the day. Rear Admiral Sampson, who was aboard unofficially, Rear Admiral Evans, who acted as president of the trial board, and other naval officers who participated in the trial were thoroughly pleased with the new champion, and, as she steamed back to her anchorage with a broom at her masthead, the officials of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, whose three years of labor had reached such a happy

climax, were enthusiastically congratu-The day could not have been more perfect for the trial. The ship crossed the starting line at 10:12 a. m. with her engines registering 117 revolutions a minute. Buoy No. 6, indicating the end of the thirtythree-knot run was passed at 12:06:07, showing the elapsed time for the run one hour, forty-five minutes and four seconds, giving an average speed for the thirtythree knots of 17.36 nautical miles per hour. For a part of the northward run the Illinois made a speed of 17.84 knots an hour, On the return the elapsed time between buoys was about the same as during the first half of the trial. Again she reached a maximum speed of 17.84, with a minimum of 16.97. The finish line was passed and the speed trial was over at 1:18:33, the elapse time being 1:54:42, and the average speed for the second half of the trial 17.26 The completed figures for the entire sixty-six knots was 3:48:46 elapsed time, and the average speed 17.31 knots per hour. Tidal corrections may make slight alterations in these figures, but the changes are not like-

ly to affect the result materially. "Fighting Bob" to Secretary Long. WASHINGTON, June 12 .- News of the splendid performance of the battleship Illinois on her trial trip to-day came to Secretary Long to-night in a dispatch from Capt. Robley Evans, the chairman of the trial board. It contained the same information as that in the press dispatches. Secretary Long said: "We think she will prove herself one of the best ships in the American navy. The result speaks admirably for the American shipbuilder. We are

The Oregon Arrives Ahead of Time. SAN FRANCISCO, June 12.- The battleship Oregon arrived late this afternoon from the Orient. Preparations had been made to make the homecoming of the famous vessel a memorable one, but they were anticipated by the arrival of the vessel twenty-four hours earlier than she was expected.

Submarine Torpedo Boat Launched. NEW YORK, June 12 .- The submarine boat Fulton was successfully launched to-day at Elizabeth, N. J. She was built by Lewis Nixon for the Holland Torpedo Boat Company, and is similar in all respects to those being built at the Nixon yard for the United States navy.

Torpedo Boat in Hard Luck. SEATTLE, June 12.-The torpedo boat Goldsborough, which has for the past two years been having trials and failing, this afternoon went on what was to have been her final official test and broke her shaft. It is expected that the break will be repaired in about ten days.

SHRINERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Then Adjourn to Meet in the Oasis of San Francisco Next Year.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 12 .- San Francisco will entertain the Shriners of North America next year the first week in June. The imperial council of the order now in its twenty-seventh annual convention met at the Baltimore Hotel and transacted the important business of the meeting. The New officers for the next year were elected. Philip C. Shafer, of Philadelphia, was that he was very penurious. Mrs. Casey chosen imperial potentate; Henry C. Aikin, is of opinion that the quarrel about going Omaha, deputy potentate; George H. Geer, to Canada was renewed between the couple, Dallas, Tex., chief rabban; George L. and that Mrs. Blondin left her husband CLEVELAND, O., June 12.-Business men | went back to Lowell to seek work, and | Brown, Buffalo, assistant rabban; Harry A Collins, Toronto, Canada, high priest and prophet; Alvah P. Clayton, St. Joseph, Mo., Oriental guide; William S. Brown, Pittsburg, Pa., treasurer, and Benjamin W. Rowell, of Boston, Mass., recorder, were re-elected.

Mr. Shaffer appointed imperial officers as follows: Rial S. Peck, Hartford, Conn., ber. A week ago to-day, it is learned, he first ceremonial master; Clayton I. Alder-

mond. Va., captain of guards; Frank C. Roundy, Chicago, imperial outer guard. The council adjourned until the meeting next June. There was an exhibition drill of seven patrols of Shriners at Exposition Park this afternoon, a great crowd being present. The teams which participated were: Aladdin, of Columbus, O.; Moolah, of Medinah, of Chicago, and Ararat, of Kansas City. Each of the visiting patrols was given a handsome banner by the Ararat

NOT BOUND BY OATH.

Virginia Constitution Tinkers Decline

Temple, their host in Kansas City.

to Be Sworn In. RICHMOND, Va., June 12.-The Virginia constitutional convention met at noon today and was called to order by Delegate DEATHS DUE TO THE STORM Fettit, of Fluvana. Hon. John Goode, of Bedford, was elected president, and in his speech of acceptance announced the principal questions the body will be called upor to consider. He took strong ground in favor of restricting negro suffrage. The delegates decided that no oath should be taken. Senator Daniel was one of the leaders of the opposition to swear in the members. The decision of the body was influenced by the fact that to take the oath of office might trammel it in dealing with the suffrage issue. Some of the members declared that they would suffer expulsion before they would be sworn in. After the eath question had been disposed of several

SUIT FOR \$20,000.

committees were appointed and the convention adjournd until to-morrow at noon.

Minnie Wallace Ketcham Asked to

Pay Big Attorney Fees.

CHICAGO, June 12 .- The case of Dethlef C. Hansen against Mrs. Minnie Wallace Killing of a Well-Known Young Man Ketcham to secure \$20,000, which he alleges is due him for legal work, was called by Judge Tuthill in the Circuit Court here to-day. The work of securing a jury occupied the day. Mrs. Ketcham, formerly of Chicago, when she was the wife of John | Special to the Indianapolis Journal. present in court. Mr. Ketcham was a comment. Lawyer Hansen's services for the Ketcham estate began with the draw-Mrs. Ketcham in civil actions. Hansen claims he saved the greater part of Mr. Ketcham's estate for the widow and performed numerous services, and gave much advice for and to Mrs. Ketcham up to and following the inquest over the body of her husband. Many lawyers will be called as witnesses to give expert testimony in the matter of attorneys' fees.

Steadiness and reserve power character- HE URGES ARBITRATION OF THE CHINESE INDEMNITY QUESTION.

Amount and Method of Payment

to The Hague Tribunal.

WASHINGTON, June 12 .- Mr. Rockhill's proposal to submit the indemnity question to The Hague tribunal, it is now learned, carries with it the adjustment of the total of the indemnity. Through a misunder standing, which perhaps was purposely created by some of the powers, the sum of 450,000,000 taels was supposed to have been finally agreed on by all the powers as the total indemnity to be demanded from China. As a matter of fact, there is nothing official to show that the powers, or, indeed, a majority of them, actually made this a matter of formal agreement. It is true that China undertook to pay an indemnity of 450,000,000 taels, but it is equally true that this understanding, doubtless based on the misunderstanding above referred to, was at least in advance of formal agreement among the ministers themselves. Hence, Mr. Rockhill's proposition to include the total of the indemnities in the matters to be submitted to The Hague arbitration. European criticisms, based on the idea that Mr. Rockhill's proposition as to arbitration concerns only the method of payment are, therefore, founded on error. The hope that the arbitration plan will prevail is based on the belief that no other scheme so far brought for-

NOT STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Library of the Forbidden City Burned

by Order of the Court, It Is Said

PEKING, June 12 .- A meeting of the foreign ministers to-day showed better prospects of their coming to some definite understanding, the majority favoring the acceptance of China's offer of 450,000,000 taels, as the amount of the indemnity to be paid rade. Representative A. L. Brick and his to the powers. There was considerable discussion as to how the 4 per cent. interest could be collected. Mr. Rockhill will present at the next meeting an expression of the American desire to finish the business at The Hague. A majority of the ministers confess themselves against the proposition. thinking that within the next ten days everything can be adjusted. In the meanthe departure of the troops and the Chinese intentions regarding the return of the isters may force a decision in the matters remaining to be adjusted.

Mr. Rockhill has the translation of an edict by the wording of which it would seem that the library of the Forbidden City was intentionally set on fire by orders of the court and was not struck by light ning, as was reported by the foreign guards. The edict orders the destruction of all the archives. The fire must have happened the day after the receipt of the telegraphic edict, though, at the time, a rumur of the receipt of the edict was denied by Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang.

Waldersee Will Not Tarry.

BERLIN, June 12.-The Lokal Anzeiger to-day prints a special dispatch from Shanghai direct to Hamburg, landing there during the first days of August. Thence he will go direct to Hanover. The countess will spend July in Switzerland and will meet her husband at Hamburg. Count Von Waldersee's health is excellent.

Germans to Mine in China.

BERLIN, June 12 .- The German government is organizing in the Rhine provinces a large expedition of coal miners who will go to exploit the coal mines in the province of Shan-Tung when peace has been restored in China. Each miner joining the Golden Gate city won on the first ballot, expedition pledges to render services in the mines for five years.

C. W. FAIRBANKS, LL. D.

Degree Conferred by Ohio Wesleyan

University on Indiana's Senator. COLUMBUS, O., June 12 .- The trustees of the Ohio Wesleyan University to-day conferred the degree of LL. D. upon Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, and upon Hon, William R. Warnock, member of Congress from the Eighth Ohio district. dress welcoming the delegates to the city. began work as a night engineer for a local man. Marion, Ia., second ceremonial These are the first honorary degrees conmaster; Archibald N. Sloan, Chattanooga, ferred by Ohio Wesleyan upon public men tion showed that six new local credit or- disappeared.

St. Joseph, Mo.; Moolah, of St. Louis; Tangier, of Omaha; Zurah, of Minneapolis; ELKS CHOOSE THEIR STATE RULERS FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

> Long List of Vice Presidents Is a New Feature-Logansport Secures

the Next Big Meeting.

FATALITIES BY LIGHTNING REPORT-ED FROM SEVERAL POINTS,

Martinsville, Discoverer of the Mineral Waters at That Point.

Death of Capt. Sylvanus Barnard, of

TRIAL OF JONES FOR MURDER

THE MUNCIE HEARING.

STATE MAKES A STRONG CASE IN

at Terre Haute-The Gas Waste at Hartford City.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 12.- The Elks

annual State business meeting began at Board of Trade man, and his sudden death 11:30 o'clock this morning, with delegates here three years ago excited considerable present from Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Evansville, Lafayette, Kokomo, Anderson, Richmond, Marion, South Bend, Muncie, ing of Ketcham's will. Later he acted for | Jeffersonville, Peru, Elwood, Ligonier, Wabash, Greensburg, Alexandria, New Castle, Valparaiso and Hartford City, about 500 in all. Logansport appeared 150 strong, and clamorous for the next State meeting. which was granted. The addresses of welcome were made by Mayor Berghoff and Exalted Ruler R. S. Viberg. Captain J. L. Ritter, State president, responded. In his address he recommended that no charter be granted to a lodge in any city of less than 10,000 people. Others who spoke in response were Joseph T. Fanning, of Indianapolis, and H. J. McSheehy, of Lo-

> F. Wilhelm Urbahns, of this city, was elected president of the State organization, and Robert Hillis, of Logansport, secretary. Vice presidents were for the first time elected, one for each district, as follows: First, H. K. Corrington, Evansville; second, S. C. Beard, Vincennes; third, F. L. Wilson, Jeffersonville; fourth, to be appointed; fifth, D. L. Watson, Terre Haute; sixth, W. J. Robey, Richmond; seventh, P. J. Fallon, Indianapolis; eighth, Henry Jordan, Elwood; ninth, to be appointed; tenth, John H. Wilson, Valparaiso; eleventh, James G. Conner, Jr., Wabash; twelfth, Dr. R. S. Viberg, Fort Wayne; thirteenth, to be appointed. Logansport was selected as the place for the

> next State meeting. This afternoon the street parade was held. This was led by the Logansport lodge with its own band. The Peru, Muncie, Marion and Fort Wayne Elks, each with a band, swelled the procession to imposing length. Murray, of Murray and Mack, led the Muncie lodge, and stepped rag-time, much to the entertainment of the great crowds of spectators on the streets. To-night, in the pavilion at Robinson Park, the social session was held, 800 covers being laid. G. W. Wilson presided,

generally bring their wives, for whom special entertainment had been prepared.

The crowd in attendance is not as large

as expected, and local managers are much

disappointed that members did not more

Samaritans Elect Officers. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ELKHART, Ind., June 12 .- At the first annual session of the Supreme Congress of the Modern Samaritans of America, held here to-day, the following officers were elected: Past president, S. B. Short; president, ex-Representative C. G. Conn; vice president, Herrick E. Stephens; treasurer, L. Brodrick; secretary, H. S. medical examiner, Mayor Porter Turner all of Elkhart; chaplain, the Rev. Karl Freitag. Michigan City; master-at-arms. A. T. Cole, South Bend; inner guard, Edgar D. Currier, Goshen; outer guard, B. 8 Hammer, Peru. A big general meeting

of Goshen, made the principal addresses, Catholic Foresters Elect Officers.

recent political opponent, Anthony Deahl

ELWOOD, Ind., June 12.-The state convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters. which has been in session in this city since Tuesday, closed to-day with the election of the following officers: Supreme chief ranger, Edward Honan, Rensselaer; vice chief ranger, John J. Malloy, Hammond; state secretary, Joseph G. Weiss, Hammond; state treasurer, M. J. Kramer, court to Peking seems premature. The min- | Crown Point. The next meeting will be held in Michigan City.

KILLED BY A STREET CAR.

Russell Bement Thrown by His Horse in Front of a Motor. Special to the Indianapolis Journal,

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., June 12.-Russell Bement, twenty-five years old, was run down and killed this morning by a Terre Haute & Brazil interurban car. He was home east of the city, when the horse shied death. His father is George W. Bement, of the wholesale grocery house of Bement, Rea & Co., and one of the richest men in the city. The son was graduated from Yale two years ago. His mother was to have left to-day to spend the summer in Stockbridge, Conn. Mr. Bement was to have married, in October next, Miss Mildred Burt, daughter of Mrs. W. R. Mc-

Edward Cutty Badly Hurt. Special to the Indianapplis Journal.

BRAZIL, Ind., June 12.-Ex-Representative Edward Cutty, a well-known leader among the miners and a Democratic politician, suffered a serious accident to-day, having his right leg broken and his body badly crushed by a heavy fall of slate in the Otter-creek Coal Company's minc. Mr. Cutty was admitted to the bar in this county on Monday and contemplated working in the mines only a week or so before devoting his time to the practice of law. His condition is serious.

DEATHS IN THE STORM.

Several Indiana Towns Report Fatalities Due to Lightning.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BRAZIL, Ind., June 12.-This evening, during the heavy electrical storm, the big barn of grank Darting, near Centerpoint, was struck by lightning and his ten-year-